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Request for Reconsideration after Final Action To the Commissioner for Trademarks:

Application serial no. 85477423 has been amended as follows:

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Signatory's Name: Sherry Flax

Signatory's Position: Attorney of record, Maryland bar member

Signatory's Phone Number: 4103328784

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The applicant is filing a Notice of Appeal in conjunction with this Request for Reconsideration.

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Goods and Services

IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: Eyeglasses, sunglasses, magnifying glasses, eyeglass

frames, eyeglass lenses; eyewear accessories, namely, cases and chains. FIRST USE:

20101115, FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20101115

Standard Characters Claimed

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(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

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Basis

November 18, 2010

Current Basis

Original Filing

Published for

April 12, 2011

Opposition

Registration

Number

3985417

Registration Date June 28, 2011

Owner

(REGISTRANT) Sun Ban Fashions CORPORATION NEW YORK 600 Fourth Avenue Brooklyn

NEW YORK 11215

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IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: Sunglasses, eyeglasses; Aesthetic glasses, namely, fashion eyewear; Protective glasses; Goggles for diving and other watersports, for skiing snowboarding, and safety goggles; Lenses for eyeglasses and sunglasses; Lenses for dust masks, protective face masks not for medical use, SCUBA masks, swimming masks, and welding masks; Supports for glasses, namely, frames, nose pieces, earstems, chains, and straps; Cases for eyeglasses and sunglasses. Cases for dust masks, protective face masks not for medical use, SCUBA masks, swimming masks, and welding masks; Parts and accessories for sunglasses and eyeglasses, namely, frames, earstems, nose pieces, chains, and straps; Prescription eyewear including parts and accessories therefore, namely, lenses, frames, earstems, nose pieces, chains, and straps

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Published for Opposition

March 31, 2009

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3639819

International Registration

0971907

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Number

Registration

June 16, 2009

Date Owner

(REGISTRANT) Anthony Glass INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIA 48 Earlwood Crescent BARDWELL PARK

NSW 2207 AUSTRALIA

Priority Date

February 5, 2008

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AS SHOWN

Mark

Description of Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark. The mark consists of the word "EMINENT" in blocktype style lettering, the initial "E" is in upper case and the other letters are in lower case, above the word "EYEWEAR" in smaller block-type style lettering, all in lower case lettering.

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